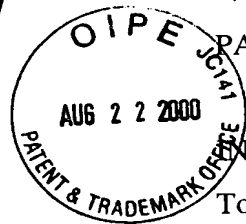


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Tou et al.

GROUP ART UNIT: 1648

SERIAL NUMBER: 09/541,844

EXAMINER: Barnes

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